

SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 04-714

UNIVERSAL AUTOMATED FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), an agency of the State of Florida, operates Tri-Rail, a seventy-two (72) mile commuter railroad with eighteen (18) stations in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

THE PURPOSE of this RFP is for SFRTA/Tri-Rail to acquire the services of a qualified firm to provide design and manufacture of hardware and software for use with the Universal Automated Fare Collection System. This new fare media vending, collection and processing system will be used by four transit agencies within South Florida; SFRTA/Tri-Rail, Miami-Dade Transit, Broward County Transit, and Palm Beach County Transit. The tasks included in this RFP include but are not limited to: hardware design and manufacturing, software development, equipment installation, training and integration of this system with legacy fare collection systems.

This RFP solicits written responses ("proposals") from qualified Proposers interested in providing the equipment and services needed for successful completion of this Project. SFRTA must point out to all Proposers that progression of some services for this contract will only be awarded predicated on receipt of funds received to progress this work. SFRTA and its regional partners have every intention of progressing all UAFC services defined in the Technical Specifications.

A REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS should be directed to Mr. Christopher C. Bross at SFRTA, 800 N.W. 33 Street, Suite 100, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064, (954) 788-7911. The cost of the solicitation document is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) non-refundable. Checks or money orders made payable to SFRTA should be forwarded to Mr. Bross at the address above. Solicitation documents will be available on or about May 4, 2004.

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE will be held in the SFRTA Board Room at the address above on May 10, 2004 at 3:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be for SFRTA to respond to questions from document holders and clarify requirements in an open forum. Attendance is not mandatory but is recommended.

RECEIPT OF SEALED PROPOSALS: All proposals must be received as per the RFP instructions no later than 5:00 P.M. on June 2, 2004 at the SFRTA office address listed above.

SFRTA reserves the right to postpone, to accept, or reject any and all proposals in whole or in part. All Firms shall certify that they are not on the State of Florida Comptroller General's List of Ineligible Bidders. All proposals shall remain in effect for One Hundred Eighty (180) days from the RFP submission due date.

DBE PARTICIPATION: SFRTA solicits and encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation. DBEs will be afforded full consideration of their responses and will not be subject to discrimination. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation goal for this solicitation is 14%.

NOTIFICATION OF FEDERAL PARTICIPATION: A portion of this project is funded by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration. Any resultant Agreement shall be subject to all federal rules and regulations.